



PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 21, 2004
City Council Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Charlton, Vice Chair Bautista, Lippe, Cooper and Weiden
Absent: Commissioner Cooper

MINUTES OF December 17, 2003

COMMISSIONER WEIDEN MOVED that the minutes be approved as written. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUSINESS

PEACE POLE PRESENTATION

Bernice Fischer, member of Los Altos Voices for Peace, presented a proposal to place a Peace Pole at a highly visible site in Los Altos. Six Community members spoke in support of the Peace Pole. The community speakers were:

Paul Engstrom
Kevin O'Reilly
Donna Poulos
Vince Scarich
Ray Schuster
Katrind Smatters

The Commission discussed the request. Commission discussion included the concern that the Peace Pole could be considered a political statement, would accepting the pole establish a precedent, could additional languages be added to the pole? Should the Public Sculpture Committee give their recommendation of the Peace Pole?

COMMISSIONER WEIDEN MOVED that the Peace Pole be referred to the Public Sculpture Committee. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND PASSED BY 4-1 VOTE WITH COMMISSIONER LIPPE VOTING NO.

2003 PARC ACCOMPLISHMENTS & 2004 PARC GOALS

The Commission discussed their accomplishments for 2003 and identified goals for 2004.

JOINT PARC/CITY COUNCIL MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Commission discussed their ideas for the joint Council/Commission meeting.

2004 CITY COUNCIL MEETING REPRESENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The Commissioners determined the order in which they will be assigned to the City Council dates.

PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS AND UPDATES

SHOUP PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Brees updated the Commission on the estimated date of February 1 for the opening of the park.

HETCH HETCHY PATHWAY CONCEPTUAL DESIGN STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Brees updated the Commission as to the City Council's January 13th action on the Hetch Hetchy Pathway Study. Four public speakers addressed the Commission on this item. The community members were:

John Tompane
Gregory George
Tod Gamlin
Kirk Bostrum

The community member comments included the concern over the proceeding of the Study's process and content, the desire to communicate their interpretation of the January 13th City Council meeting, and encouraged the Commission not to confuse the issue of a park vs. a pathway and consider alternative sites such as Santa Rita or Blach schools for a park.

The Commission requested a Special Meeting of the Commission to be held and consideration of the Hetch Hetchy Pathway Conceptual Design Study Process be added as the agenda item.

PLAYGROUND RENOVATION COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Brees reminded the Commission of the upcoming February 4, 2004 Special Meeting to discuss the Mc Kenzie Park playground renovations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.